

February 12, 2008

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 20, 2008
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 20, 2008**

| | | <u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u> |
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| 1. | <u>Call to Order</u> | |
| 2. | <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> | |
| 3. | <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. | 3. Information. |
| 4. | <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*). | 4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda. |

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

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| *4A. | <u>Approval of December 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes</u> | 4A. Review and approval of the December 12, 2007 meeting minutes. |
| *4B. | <u>Project Changes: Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and Material Cost Changes to the ADOT Program</u> | 4B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, the FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program, the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as appropriate, and a material cost change to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables. |

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and the FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 27, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed Highway administrative modifications and amendments to the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A, administrative modifications to the ALCP are listed in Table B, and proposed Transit amendments are listed in Table C. An administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. In addition, Table D notes the material cost change to the ADOT Program. The material cost changes are related to cost increases. The right of way project for I-10: Sarival Road to Dysart Road increased by \$500,000 and the construction project for the US-60: I-10 to Loop 101 increased by \$7,500,000. On January 31, 2008, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the project changes. This item is on the February 13, 2008 agenda of the MAG Management Committee. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Consultant Selection for the Statewide Transportation Survey

On December 19, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved conducting a public opinion survey to measure voter attitudes and preferences in addressing regional and statewide transportation mobility needs, and that the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget be amended to include \$55,000 for the survey. On January 13, 2008, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to develop and conduct an independent, scientifically valid voter opinion survey. In response, six proposals were received. A multi-agency review team met on February 5, 2008, and recommended to MAG the selection of WestGroup Research to conduct the survey. In addition, the team recommended that if negotiations with WestGroup are not successful,

4C. Recommend that MAG negotiate with WestGroup Research to conduct the Statewide Transportation Survey for an amount not to exceed \$55,000. If negotiations with WestGroup Research are not successful, the panel recommends that MAG negotiate with its second choice, Behavior Research Center, to conduct the survey.

that MAG be directed to negotiate with its second choice, Behavior Research Center. This item is on the February 13, 2008 agenda of the MAG Management Committee. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***4D. The Interstate 10 - Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study**

Since May 2006, MAG has had the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study underway for establishing a mobility framework for a significant portion of Maricopa County west of the White Tank Mountains. In August and September 2007, the Management Committee, the Transportation Policy Committee, and Regional Council were provided a briefing on the results and potential recommendations generated on the project. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Study on January 31, 2008. This item is on the February 13, 2008 agenda of the MAG Management Committee. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4D. Recommendation to (1) accept the findings of the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study as the surface and public transportation framework for the Hassayampa Valley; (2) adopt the traffic interchange locations for the Interstate-10/Papago Freeway from SR-303L/Estrella Freeway to 459th Avenue; (3) adopt a two-mile traffic interchange spacing policy for new freeway facilities within the Hassayampa Valley with appropriate planning for non-access crossings of the freeway facilities to facilitate local transportation movements; (4) adopt a new functional classification as a parkway, recognizing the Arizona Parkway as a type of parkway with unique operating characteristics for congestion and air quality planning purposes; (5) accept the findings and implementation strategies as described in the study for inclusion as illustrative corridors in the Regional Transportation Plan; and, (6) recommend the affected jurisdictions within the Hassayampa Valley study area incorporate this study's recommendations into future updates of their general plans.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Draft Revised MAG Highway Acceleration Policy

At the September 12, 2007 MAG Management Committee meeting, a working group of managers was formed to review and recommend revisions to the MAG Highway Acceleration Policy. The working group met on December 5, 2007 and on January 30, 2008. At the January 30, 2008 meeting, the consensus of the working group was to move the draft revised MAG Highway Acceleration Policy forward for consideration and adoption by the Regional Council. This item is on the February 13, 2008 agenda of the MAG Management Committee. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Discussion and possible action to recommend the adoption of the draft revised MAG Highway Acceleration Policy.

6. BQAZ Update and Schedule

In December 2007, the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and the Regional Council received an update on the Building a Quality Arizona (BQAZ) planning effort. From these committees, MAG received direction to work cooperatively with the Arizona Department of Transportation and the other regional planning agencies on the framework studies and also to provide ADOT with information describing the transportation challenges facing this region. Staff will provide an update on the schedule to update the Regional Transportation Plan and describe the critical data elements that are needed regarding the transportation challenges facing Arizona. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information, discussion and possible action.